

Piedmont
Natural Gas
Company

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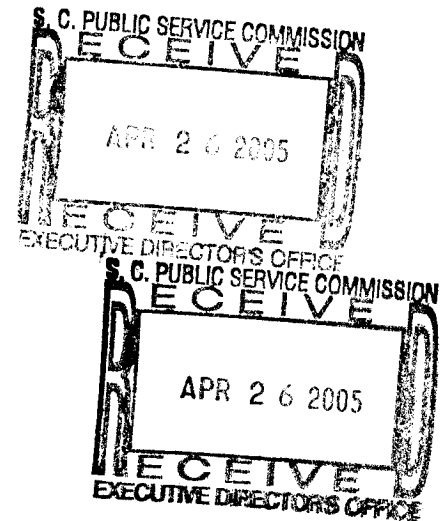
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April 25, 2005

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210



Re: Notice of Election Under the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find an original and 26 copies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Notice of Election. Please accept the original and 25 copies for filing and return the additional "file-stamped" copy in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and if you have any questions about this filing you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

David Carpenter

Director - Rates

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2005-125 -G

In the Matter Of

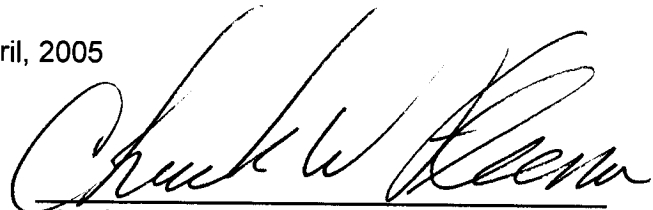
Election of Piedmont Natural Gas
Company, Inc. for Application of
The Natural Gas Rate Stabilization
Act to Its Rates and Charges

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), pursuant to Section 58-5-410 of the S.C. Code of Laws, hereby provides notice of its election of the application of the terms of the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act (the "Act") to Piedmont's rates and charges for gas distribution services provided within the State of South Carolina. In conjunction with this election and as required by Sections 58-5-410 and 58-5-420 of the S.C. Code of Laws, Piedmont requests that the Commission make such findings and establish such ongoing procedures as may be required for prospective adjustments to Piedmont's base rates utilizing the rates, charges, revenues, expenses, capital structure, returns, and other matters established in Piedmont's most recent general rate proceeding in Docket No. 2002-63-G. Consistent with the requirements of Section 58-5-410, Piedmont is concurrently serving a copy of this Notice of Election on the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Respectfully submitted this 25 day of April, 2005



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